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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Pat No 6,281,903 issued to Martin et al (hereafter Martin).

Claims 1, 2:

Martin discloses:

a control information recording unit recording control information related to an area of which data is restricted from being provided; an edit unit creating, when the data should be provided as the response data, the response data in accordance with the control information by hiding the data area restricted from being provided; and a transmitting unit providing the response data [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 3:

Martin discloses wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted from being

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provided to said request source [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 4:

Martin discloses wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted from being provided [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 5:

Martin discloses wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted from being provided, in this image [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 6:

Martin discloses further comprising an input unit setting the control information [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 7:

Martin discloses a step referring to control information related to an area of which data is restricted from being provided; a step creating, when the data should be provided as the response data, the response data in accordance with the control information by hiding the data area restricted from being provided; and a step providing the response data [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

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Claim 8:

Martin discloses a step recognizing said request source; a step referring to control information related to data restricted from being provided depending on said request source; a step creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by hiding an area restricted from being provided; and a step providing the response data [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 9:

Martin discloses wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted from being provided to said request source [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 10:

Martin discloses wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted from being provided [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 11:

Martin discloses wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted from being provided, in this image [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

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Claim 12:

Martin discloses further comprising a step setting the control information [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 13:

Martin discloses a step referring to control information related to an area of which data is restricted from being provided; a step creating, when the data should be provided as the response data, the response data in accordance with the control information by hiding the data area restricted from being provided; and a step providing the response data [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 14:

Martin discloses a step recognizing said request source; a step referring to control information related to data restricted from being provided depending on said request source; a step creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by hiding an area restricted from being provided; and a step providing the response data [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 15:

Martin discloses wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted from being provided to said request source [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

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Claim 16:

Martin discloses wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted from being provided [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 17:

Martin discloses wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted from being provided, in this image [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 18:

Martin discloses further comprising a step setting the control information [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 19:

Martin discloses a step referring to control information related to an area of which data is restricted from being provided; a step creating, when the data should be provided as the response data, the response data in accordance with the control information by hiding the data area restricted from being provided; and a step providing the response data [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 20:

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Martin discloses a step recognizing said request source; a step referring to control information related to data restricted from being provided depending on said request source; a step creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by hiding an area restricted from being provided; and a step providing the response data [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 21:

Martin discloses wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted from being provided to said request source [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 22:

Martin discloses wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted from being provided [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 23:

Martin discloses wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted from being provided, in this image [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 24:

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Martin discloses said program further comprising a step setting the control information [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Claim 25:

Martin discloses wherein said apparatus is a server [Figs 2A, 2B, Fig 9A, 102, 108, col 5, lines 30-60, col 4, lines 40-50]

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Etienne P. LeRoux whose telephone number is (571) 272-4022. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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